

readme for sum2n

describes design and implementation for sum2n

I basically wrote the full program in C, got it to work, then split the sumInts function out to a separate file, and compiled it to assembly. This was originally done on a 64-bit machine running OS X, so the file was composed largely of gibberish. Doing this again on a 32-bit ilab machine produced readable assembly, but it very obviously looked "mechanically constructed", with the compiler choosing odd locations in memory for variables, etc. Also, I initially tried to use a recursive algorithm, which was very complex in x86. I re-wrote by hand a new assembly file based on an iterative algorithm in C, which actually proved much easier than trying to re-write code produced by the GCC compiler.

detail design, design/implementation challenges

The c file handles input and stuff like telling the user the proper app usage, and the assembly file handles the computation of sum2n.

The assembly file is broken into four sub-functions: fib, loop, overflow, and end. Fib sets up variables from input, loop runs the iterative fibonacci algorithm and detects overflow, overflow is jumped to when overflow is detected, and puts a -1 to be returned, and end returns the value found.

analysis of space and time performance of program

Most of the operations are performed once in constant time, but the loop runs a number of times based on the value supplied to the program $n-1$ times, so the order of the runtime is n .